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In re Application of:)
Hubert SEIBERLE et al.) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
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For: METHOD OF IMPARTING PREFERRED ALIGNMENT IN LIQUID CRYSTAL
CELLS, being a National Stage filing of PCT International Application No.
PCT/IB00/00065, filed on January 25, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

Before examining this application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, after the title, insert as a first paragraph the following:

A1
-- This application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of
international application no. PCT/IB00/00065, filed on January 25, 2000, which
published in the English language. This application also claims the benefit of priority
under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) to GB patent application no. 9902404.4, filed on February
3, 1999. --

In the claims:

Please amend claims 2-13 and add new claim 17 as follows:

A2
2. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the irradiation energy,
measured normal to the radiation, is less than 2 J/cm².